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LETTER DATED 6 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 21 to 31 August 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of reconnaissance and provocation and the dropping of heat flares.

21 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Basra, Qurnah, Salman, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

22 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Busayyah, Qurnah and Qal'at Salih.

- At 1342 hours on 22 August 1994, a formation dropped 10 heat flares on the Qush area.

23 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Tall Afar and Badush.

(b) Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shinafiyah, Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Ushbayjah, Salman, Chabaish and Lasaf.

- At 1315 hours on 23 August 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m violated Iraqi airspace, overflying Basra, Umm Qasr, Shatrah, Rumaythah, the area south of Diwaniyah and Nasiriyah. It departed at 1617 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

- At 1800 hours on 23 August 1994, a hostile formation dropped 7 heat flares on the Saddam Dam area in Ninawa Governorate.

24 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Qurnah, Salman and Busayyah.

25 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

- At 1514 hours on 25 August 1994, a hostile formation dropped 5 heat flares on the Qush area in Ninawa Governorate.

26 August 1994

- Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah and Artawi.

27 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Chabaish, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 1415 hours on 27 August 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m violated Iraqi airspace, overflying Nasiriyah, the area south of Diwaniyah, Qal'at Saqr,

Artawi, Jalibah and Shinafiyah. It departed at 1535 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

28 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

29 August 1994

Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Salman, Lasaf, Ushbayjah, Busayyah, Chabaish and Artawi.

30 August 1994

Southern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Artawi, Ushbayjah, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

31 August 1994

Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Aqrah, Sinjar and Ayn Zalah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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